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TAGS: PINT ET

SUBJECT: WOUNDED VICE CHIRMAN GIVES PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10506 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT YESTERDAY EVENING, PMAC VICE CHIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM APPEARED AT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH OTHER MAJOR PMAC LEADERS MORNING SEPTEMBER 24. MENGISTU CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD BEEN AMBUSHED NEAR FOOTBALL STADIUM AROUND 2030 HOURS. CONTRARY TO EARLIER NEWS REPORTS, MENGISTU WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN SIDE, AND ONE OTHER PASSENGER IS STILL HOSPITALIZED. SPECULATION IS THAT SECOND PASSENGER WAS ALSO DIRG MEMBER, BUT MENGISTU SIMPLY REFERRED TO HIM AS HIS COMRADE. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT, ASSAILANTS MANAGED TO ESCAPE, BUT "WILL BE TRACKED DOWN BY OPPRESSED MASSES."

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